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SUBJECT: REPORTED SUSLOV-TENG HSIAO-PING MEETING
IN MONGOLIA IN JUNE

REF: A. MOSCOW 17378; B. WARSAW 3570

1. JAPANESE EMBASSY COUNSELOR ODAKA (PORTECT) CALLED ON THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR ON NOVEMBER 18 TO SEEK OUR VIEWS ON A POSSIBLE EASING OFF OF THE SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE. HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH A POSSIBILITY AND THAT IT HAD A REPORT FROM NORTH VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATIC SOURCES THAT SUSLOV AND TENG HSIAO-PING MET SECRETLY IN MONGOLIA IN JUNE. ODAKA SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE ANY DETAILS ON THE ALLEGED MEEING, BUT THE IMPLICATION FROM THE SOURCES WAS THAT IT WAS A HIGH-LEVEL EFFORT TO TONE DOWN THE POLEMICS OF THE SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE. ODAKA ALSO DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE SOVIETS OR THE CHINESE HAD INSTIGATED THE MEETING.

2. ODAKA WAS REFERRED TO THE PRAVDA ACCOUNT OF KIRILENKO'S NOVEMBER 15 SPEECH AT ASHKHABAD AND SHOWN THE PERTINENT PASSAGES (REF A) FROM PRAVDA FOR NOVEMBER 16.

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3. COMMENT: AS REPORTED IN REF B, ZYCIE WARSZAWY

CARRIED A VERY LENGTHY ARTICLE IN ITS JUNE 23-24 ISSUE,
ENTITLED "TRUTHS AND UNTRUTHS ABOUT THE SINO-SOVIET TALKS."
THE ARTICLE DEPICTED MOSCOW AS THE PEACE-LOVING PARTY,
ALWAYS SEEKING TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE IN AN AMICABLE AND
REASONABLE WAY, WHILE PEKING REMAINS OBSTINATELY UNWILLING
TO NEGOTIATE THE ISSUES AND JOIN IN A NON-AGGRESSION PACT.
A ZYCIE WARSZAWY STAFFER TOLD US AT THE TIME THAT THE ARTICLE
WAS PUBLISHED ON AN URGENT BASIS IN COMPLIANCE WITH A SPECIAL
DIRECTIVE. IF THE REPORT OF THE SUSLOV-TENG MEETING IN
MONGOLIA IN JUNE IS ACCURATE, POSSIBLE THE ZYCIE ARTICLE
WAS A REFLECTION OF A SOVIET CONCILIATORY EFFORT THAT
FAILED.
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